

**OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE
BUSINESS REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION MINISTRIES, INC.)	Administrative Proceeding
Post Office Box 1830)	No. C-05-0103
Starkville, Mississippi 39760-1830)	
)	
<i>RESPONDENT</i>)	

**ORDER LIFTING ORDER DENYING REGISTRATION AND IMPOSING
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY**

The SECRETARY OF STATE OF MISSISSIPPI (hereinafter "SOS"), by and through the undersigned representative, hereby issues this Order Lifting the Order Denying Registration and Imposing Administrative Penalty issued against CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION MINISTRIES, INC. (hereinafter "Respondent"). In support thereof, the SOS would show the following.

I. JURISDICTION

The Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act, codified at MCA §79-11-501, *et. seq.* (Rev. 2001) (hereinafter "Act"), gives the SOS the authority to regulate "charitable organizations," *inter alia*, that solicit donations in the State of Mississippi. §79-11-501(a)(i) of the Act provides the following:

- (a)(i) "Charitable organization" means either of the following:
(A) Any person determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. . . .

Respondent is a tax exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Thus, Respondent is a "charitable organization" subject to the jurisdiction of the SOS.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent originally filed an incomplete registration application with the SOS on March 7, 2005. Respondent also stated in its registration application that a board member had been convicted of a felony.
2. The SOS issued his Notice of Intent to Deny Registration and Impose Administrative Penalty on March 22, 2005, citing as grounds therefore, MCA §79-11-509(1) (Rev. 2001), wherein the SOS must deny, suspend or revoke a registration or an exemption when the application for registration or renewal is incomplete, and when the applicant, registrant, officer, director, or partner of the applicant or registrant or their agents or employees, has been convicted of any felony or of a misdemeanor where such misdemeanor involved misrepresentation, misapplication or misuse of the money or property of another.
3. Respondent failed to respond timely and adequately to the Notice of Intent and the SOS issued his Order Denying Registration and Imposing Administrative Penalty on July 26, 2005.
4. Subsequently, on November 18, 2005, the SOS received a complete registration application from the Respondent which included a new board of directors for the organization. Based on the fact that Respondent has complied with the requirements of the Act, the SOS has determined to issue this Order Lifting his previous Order Denying Registration and Imposing Administrative Penalty.

III. PUBLIC INTEREST

The action taken herein by the SOS is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes set out in MCA §79-11-501, *et seq.* (Rev. 2001).

IV. RIGHT TO AMEND

The Secretary of State hereby expressly reserves the right to amend this Order.

SO ORDERED, this the 16 day of December, 2005.

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BY: 

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